

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend/replace claim 15 as follows:

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Claim 15. (amended) The fan and slip ring assembly as in claim 14, wherein said pair of retaining caps further comprise:

a pair of end portions depending outwardly from a pair of leg portions, said pair of leg portions being secured to each other at one end, and said pair of leg portions defining said receiving area, said end portions being secured to said surface of said fan.

Please add new claims 20-28, as follows:

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Claim 20. (new) A rotor as in claim 2, wherein said retaining member defines a receiving area being configured and dimensioned to cover said point of securement when said retaining member is secured to a surface of said fan.

Claim 21. (new) The rotor as in claim 20, wherein said retaining member further comprises:

a pair of end portions depending outwardly from a pair of leg portions, said pair of leg portions being secured to each other at one end, and said pair of leg portions defining said receiving area, said end portions being secured to said surface of said fan.

Claim 22. (new) The rotor as in claim 21, wherein said pair of end portions each have a heat staking portion.

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Claim 23. (new) The rotor as in claim 22, wherein said retaining member is constructed out of a polymer.

Claim 24. (new) The rotor as in claim 23, wherein said fan is constructed out of a polymer.

Claim 25. (new) The rotor as in claim 20, wherein said retaining member is manufactured by an injection molding process.

Claim 26. (new) The rotor as in claim 21, wherein said leg portions define a triangular receiving area.

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Claim 27. (new) The rotor as in claim 22, wherein said slip ring is a replacement for an original slip ring removed from said electric machine, and said retaining member securing said point of securement to said fan after said slip ring is secured to said rotor.

Claim 28. (new) The rotor as in claim 24, wherein said slip ring is a replacement for an original slip ring removed from said electric machine, and said retaining member securing said point of securement to said fan after said slip ring is secured to said rotor.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were presented for examination. In the outstanding Office Action claims 1-19 were restricted as follows: group I (claims 1, 2 and 10-17); group II (claims 3-9); and group III claims (18, 19). In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects with traverse group I, which corresponds to claims 1, 2 and 10-17. In addition, Applicant submits herewith new claims 20-28. Claims 20-28 are intended to read on the elected group.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that searching the subject matter of group II, and the subject matter group III, as outlined in the outstanding office action, does not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction with regard to groups II and III.

Moreover, it is submitted that issuing one patent on the subject matter of groups I-III as defined in the outstanding office action would be more expedient for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the inventor and the public. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction.

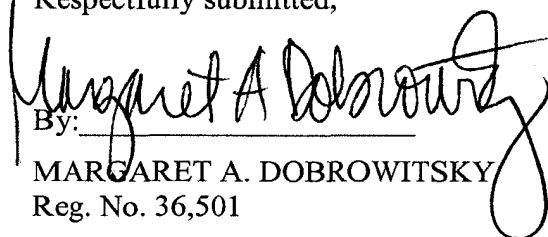
If however, the examiner maintains the restriction requirement with respect to Groups II and III, Applicants hereby cancels claims 3-9, 18 and 19 in order to avoid additional claim fees for new claims 20-28.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error, namely the removal of "a)" on line 3. No narrowing amendments have been made to claim 15.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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